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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled  
NATURAL LANGUAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS AND NATURAL LANGUAGE PROCESSING METHOD

the specification of which (check one) ☐ is attached hereto or ☒ was filed on August 31, 1999 (International Filing Date) as International Application no. PCT/JP99/04726 and was amended on      (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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Prior Foreign Application(s)			Priority Claimed	
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<u>P10-246400</u>	<u>Japan</u>	<u>31 August 1998</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>    </u>
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